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## **SPRINGFIELD MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo.** – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Springfield, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to possessing and transporting child pornography.

**Leslie Paul Pittock**, 62, of Springfield, pleaded guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge James C. England this afternoon to all the charges contained in a March 8, 2006, federal indictment.

**Pittock** admitted that he transported child pornography over the Internet on July 16, 2005. **Pittock** also admitted that he was in possession of a computer hard drive on Sept. 15, 2005, that contained child pornography that had been sent over the Internet.

By pleading guilty today, **Pittock** also agreed to forfeit to the government a desktop computer that was used to commit those offenses.

Under federal statutes, **Pittock** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 20 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$250,000, for transporting child pornography, and a sentence of up to 10 years in federal prison without parole for possessing child pornography.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rose A. Barber. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and the Springfield, Mo., Police Department.

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